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ITEM NO: 2

DATE: JULY 4, 1974

SUBJECT: MINISCULE ANTI-^{US} PROTEST IN AUSTRALIA

DESPITE PLANS BY EXTREMIST AUSTRALIAN GROUPS FOR ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS IN A NUMBER OF CITIES ■ TODAY, ONLY A SMALL CROWD TURNED OUT IN MELBOURNE TO LISTEN TO A ■ LEFTIST POLITICIAN PROTEST THE PRESENCE OF US INSTALLATIONS IN AUSTRALIA. IN THE SAME CITY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS PRESENTED A STATEMENT PROTESTING THESE INSTALLATIONS TO AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER.

PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE NATIONAL GOODWILL TOWARD THE US, STAYED AN UNUSUALLY LONG TIME AT THE EMBASSY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION.

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